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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in response to a non-final office action.

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following amendments and remarks are proposed in response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2003.

Claims 1-27, 31-40, and 49 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 6-9, 14, 16, 17, 22, 24-27, 31, 32, 37-40, and 49 stand rejected, and claims 2-5, 10-13, 15, 18-21, 23, and 33 stand objected to. Claims 34-36 have been allowed. Applicants propose herein to amend claim 25.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments set forth herein and the accompanying remarks below.

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